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SUBJECT: MAJOR TRADE OPPORTUNITY -- PREHEATING PROCESS FOR
PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL

REF: PRAGUE 0185

1. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM ING. MALIK JANUARY 29 THAT HIGH-LEVEL
CZECH OFFICIALS ARE MAKING PLANS TO COME TO U.S. TO VISIT COALTEK
INSTALLATION AT INLAND STEEL. ACCORDING TO MALIK, AMONG GROUP
OF OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS IN PRAGUE BEFORE WHOM MR. MARTING
OF ALLIED CHEMICALS SPOKE ON JANAURY 21, WAS MANAGING DIRECTOR
OF HUTNI PROJEKT (KEY PLANNING AGENCY FOR ALL PROJECTS RELATED
TO METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY), ING. JAROSLAV LIMBERG, WHO CHOSE, FOR
UNEXPLAINED REASONS, NOT TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF TO MARTING. WE ARE
TOLD LIMBERG'S PRESENCE AT MEETING, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE TAKEN AS HIGHLY
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SIGNIFICANT FOR ALLIED CHEMICAL'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS, AND
IN FACT IT IS LIMBERG WHO IS EXPECTED TO LEAD DELEGATION OF
2-3 KEY TECHNICIANS TO INSPECT COALTEK INSTALLATION IN U.S.
IN NEAR FUTURE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS FOR TRIP ARE NOW AWAITING
APPROVAL AT DEPUTY MINISTER LEVEL IN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
METALLURGY AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (FMMHE).

2. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH ALLIED CHEMICAL'S

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COALTEK PROCESS IF FRONT-RUNNER AMONG THREE SYSTEMS

PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, THE IMPORTANT KUNCICE STEEL-WORKS IN OSTRAVA (NHKG -- WHICH PRODUCES 2-3 MILLION TONS OF CURDE STEEL ANUALLY -- REMAINS IN FAVOR OF ADOPTING U.S. SIMON-CARVES PROCESS. ONE PLOY BEING CONSIDERED BY ING. LIMBERG, WHO WAS IMPRESSED WITH MARTING'S PRESENTATION ON COALTEK PROCESS -- TO BRING NHKG PEOPLE AROUND TO GROWING PREFERENCE AMONG METALLURGICAL PLANNERS HERE FOR U.S./FRENCH SYSTEM -- IS TO INCLUDE TOP OFFICIAL FROM NHKG WORKS ON DELEGATION. THUS, IF VISIT IS APPROVED DELEGATION WILL IN ALL LIKLIHOOD INCLUDE NHKG TECHNICAL DIRECTOR WHOSE NAME WE UNDERSTAND IS ING. KARTOSEK.

3. ING. MALIK REITERATED NEED FOR EARLY SUBMISSION BY MARTING OF COST ESTIMATES MENTIONED PARA ONE REFTE FOR USE IN COMPARING COMPETING SYSTEMS IN PRESENT DEBATE WITHIN FMMHE. FACT THAT SOVIETS ARE INTEGJSTED ENOUGH IN COALTEK PROCESS TO SEND GROUP TO U.S. HAS HEARTENED CZECH OFFICIALS AND RAISED THEIR HOPES THAT DEAL MAY FLY POLITICALLY HERE. ACCORDING TO MALIK, CZECHS DO NOT PLAN TO COORDINATE THEIR VISIT TO U.S. WITH SOVIET GROUP, INTENDING TO TRAVEL SOMEWHAT LATER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST COMMERCE CONTACT MARTING IMMEDIATELY AND FILL HIM IN ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. IF HE HAS NOT DONE SO ALREADY, MARTING SHOULD BE URGED TO SUBMIT PROMISED COST DATA TO ING. MALIK ASAP.

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